

WASHINGTON (September 17) – Congressman Spencer Bachus (AL-6) today urged public commemoration of Constitution Day, a day set aside by congressional statute to celebrate America’s highest law.

Bachus issued the following statement, which has been published in the *Congressional Record*. □

September 17 is Constitution Day, a time to show appreciation for the foundational and supreme law of our land that deserves special attention this year.□ The principles of the U.S. Constitution have successfully guided our nation through times of both prosperity and challenge.□ The genius of our Constitution rests in the Founding Fathers’ intricate system of checks and balances and the division of powers between the states and the national government.□ This has helped ensure that the people are the masters of their government, rather than its servants.□ The 10th Amendment was particularly prescient in recognizing that the most effective, responsive, and representative government is that which is closest to its citizens. It has long been my practice to distribute copies of the Constitution to the school groups with whom I meet, and I am greatly encouraged by the millions of patriotic Americans who are now dedicating themselves to reaffirming and restoring the principles of limited government and personal freedom.□ Public and personal readings of the Constitution are taking place throughout Alabama and our country in recognition of Constitution Day.□ All Americans should reflect on an enduring document that has given us the magnificent gifts of democracy and freedom and remained relevant to providing guidance for our government despite the passage of more than two centuries.

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